in illegal filling and transfer of LPG cylinders that are of sub-standard quality; and

(c) if so, the penal action provided for in the relevant Regulations and the action taken/proposed to be taken against such defaulters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) LPG distributorships are set up by Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) at various locations on the basis of their commercial considerations. As on 1-7-2003, OMCs were operating 8,006 LPG distributorships throughout the country.

(b) LPG cylinders are stored by the distributors as per the approved capacity of their LPG godowns. OMCs have not reported any instance where the distributors are found storing LPG cylinders in excess of licenced capacity, nor illegal filling of LPG in sub-standard quality of cylinders in their godowns.

(c) OMCs take action against the distributors found to be involved in pilfering LPG as per the provisions provided in Marketing Discipline Guideline (MDG), 2001. These guidelines provide the penal action of Rs. 20,000 + the price of LPG pilfered at commercial rate in the 1st instance, fine of Rs. 50,000 + the price of LPG pilfered at commercial rate in the 2nd instance and termination of distributorship in 3rd instance.

Schemes to attract Bodh Pilgrims

†2972. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to implement any scheme to attract Bodh pilgrims from all over the World towards Indian Bodh pilgrimages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Promotion of India's tourism products, including Buddhist Pilgrimages, is an ongoing process and this is done through various

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marketing tools which include advertising in the print and electronic media, participation in the fairs and exhibitions, organising of seminars and workshops, inviting of media personalities, tour operators and opinion makers under the hospitality programme, dissemination of information through brochures, CD Roms etc.

International Golf Championship course in Goa

2973. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether U.K. based Professional Golf Association wants to set-up an International Golf Championship course in Goa;

(b) whether Government have agreed to this;

(c) if so, the facilities provided by the State Government of Goa and the Central Government; and

(d) by when this Golf Course of International standard will be ready for holding International Championship?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The Department of Tourism, Government of Goa has appointed M/s. Professional Golfers Association, Design Consulting, U.K. to prepare a feasibility study report for developing an International Standard Golf Course in Goa. The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned financial assistance to the State Government for getting the study done.

(c) and (d) As per the information received from the Government of Goa, the feasibility study had not been undertaken so far. The question of completion of the Golf course and the facilities being provided by the Government does not arise at this stage.

Condition of Tourist Places in U.P.

†2974. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that condition of tourist places in Uttar Pradesh is deteriorating day-by-day;

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